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City of Harrisburg v. Prince

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania - November 12, 2019 - A.3d - 2019 WL 5883528

City petitioned for review of determination of the Office of Open Records (OOR) that city was required, under Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), to supply requester with an unredacted donor spreadsheet for fund that city created to defray legal costs associated with defending challenges to local firearms ordinances.

The Court of Common Pleas reversed. Requester appealed. The Commonwealth Court affirmed. Allocatur was granted.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Donor spreadsheet was a financial record subject to disclosure under RTKL, but
- Donors needed notice and an opportunity to be heard before city balanced public interest in disclosure of names and address from donor spreadsheet against right to privacy.